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A.—(a), (b), (c) & (g) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraphs 71 to 79, 80 to 85, 120 and 142 to 146 of the Administration Report of the Department of Industries for the year 1927–28.

(d) Attention is invited to Appendix E to the Civil Budget Estimates for 1929–30 wherein the audited balance sheets of the concerns are printed.

(e) *The Kerala Soap Institute* was started in 1916–17 and trading operations began in 1917–18.

The Industrial Engineering Workshop has been in existence from the time of the starting of the pumping and boring operations in 1905 and its accounts were commercialized with effect from the 1st April 1925.

The Government Industrial Institute, Madura, was founded by the District Board and taken over by Government in 1909. The accounts of the Institute were commercialized with effect from the 1st April 1925.

The Government Industrial Institute, Madras, was started in 1919.

			RS.	A.	P.
(f)	Kerala Soap Institute ...	Profits.	34,709	10	7
	Industrial Engineering Workshop	Do.	52,075	11	5
	Government Industrial Institute, Madura	Loss.	1,54,342	9	7
	Government Industrial Institute, Madras	Do.	10,160	6	10

(h) The operations of the Government Industrial Institute, Madras, in so far as they relate to the manufacture of ordinary ink, have been discontinued. The other institutions are in operation.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know with regard to answer to clause (e), Government Industrial Institute, Madura, for which the loss is shown as Rs. 1,54,000 odd, what part of this loss is due to this Institute ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Rs. 1,54,000 odd."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"Yes. In that Institute boys are trained, but what portion of this loss is due to them ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"I cannot answer now, Sir."

Public Health

Monthly allowance to L.M.Ps. and graduates in medicine under the scheme of rural medical relief.

* 1737 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what the monthly allowance given to an L.M.P. and a graduate in medicine respectively is at present under the scheme of rural medical relief ?

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		RS.	A.	P.	
A.—(1)	L.M.P.	33	5	4	per mensem.
(2)	L.M.S. and M.B.B.S.	50	0	0	"
(3)	Medical practitioners employing qualified midwives.	An additional subsidy of Rs. 8-5-4 per mensem.			

Transfer of rural medical practitioners.

*1738 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that G.O. No. 1154, P.H., dated 14th June 1927, lays down that rural practitioners should not be transferred from one place to another;

(b) whether in spite of that Government Order such transfers have been made by some taluk boards; and

(c) if so, the number of such transfers and the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The Surgeon-General has recently reported to the Government a case of the kind in a certain taluk board area. The matter is being looked into. No other cases have come to the notice of the Government.

Increase of allowance to rural medical practitioners.

*1739 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the allowance given to rural medical practitioners, and if so, by how much;

(b) how many medical graduates are working as rural practitioners in this province; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some taluk boards still continue to transfer rural practitioners though G.O. No. 1154, dated 14th June 1927, prohibits such transfers?

A.—(a) Yes, as shown below:—

	Existing.	Proposed.	
	Plains and Agency.	Plains.	Agency.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
L.M.Ps.	400	500	600
L.M.Ss. and M.B.B.Ss.	600	600	700
Medical practitioners employing qualified midwives (additional subsidy).	100	300	400

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) The Surgeon-General has just reported such a case in a certain taluk board area. No other cases have come to notice.